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The City of Worcester

WORCESTER has been rightly named, "The Heart of the Commonwealth." Situated in very nearly the center of the State and having unrivalled railroad facilities it has advanced since 1850 from the 41st city of the United States, as regards population, to the 29th city. Worcester is the second city in population in Massachusetts, the third in New England, and the third inland city of the United States.

It ranks second in value of manufactured products in the State, the third in New England. There are 1,071 manufacturing establishments capitalized for $42,966,743, employing 25,593 persons, paying in wages $12,894,784 and producing goods to the value of $53,348,783 yearly. Worcester has the largest wire factory in the world, the largest loom works and envelope factories in the United States. Every kind of machine used in a woolen or cotton mill is manufactured here.

Connected with the world by the trunk line of the Boston & Albany Railroad (a part of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad system) to the north by two divisions of the Boston & Maine system, to the south by two divisions of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, its transportation facilities are unsurpassed. A perfect network of electric lines radiating in all directions, connecting the surrounding towns within a radius of twenty-five or thirty miles with the City, gives Worcester a trade population of nearly 400,000.

Worcester has a carefully laid out Park System adapted to the needs of every part of the City. There are 440 acres devoted to these Parks. There is also Lake Quinsigamond, a beautiful water park eight miles long, the shores of which are lined with summer cottages, club houses, and picnic grounds. Some of the largest regattas are held here, and the Lake is visited daily by thousands of people who find this resort, which can be reached from all parts of the City for a five cent fare, a very enjoyable place to spend the afternoon or evening. Few cities have so many beautiful drives as does Worcester.

Educationally, Worcester is in the front rank. An evidence of the prosperity of the people is the large per cent. of children who are enabled to complete the entire course graduating from the High Schools, of which there are three schools accommodating 2,200. The total enrollment of scholars in the public schools the Fall term of 1903 was 23,775. A diploma from the Worcester Schools will admit to any college without further examination.

Upwards of 2,000 attend the evening schools, showing the desire on the part of those who are obliged to work during the day, to secure an education. Besides the public schools for which the city spends annually $565,000, there are many preparatory schools and colleges, among which are the Bancroft School, Clark's College, Clark's University, Holy Cross College, Highland Military Academy, Oread Institute, State Normal School, Worcester Academy, and the Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

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HARRINGTON CORNER

The busiest spot in Worcester.

MAIN STREET

Looking toward Post Office — Denholm & McKay Co.'s store on right

COMMON
Showing Soldiers' Monument and City Hall

CITY HALL

Contract signed, April 23, '96. Corner stone laid, Sept, 12, '96. Completed, April, '98. Cost, Complete, $650,000
Peabody & Stevens architects. Norcross Bros., builders

FRONT STREET FROM MAIN

MAIN STREET, SOUTH FROM HARRINGTON CORNER

STATE MUTUAL BUILDING

Height, 140 feet. Cost, $1,250,000. Erected in 1897. One of the finest architectural structures in New England.

WORCESTER COUNTY COURT HOUSE

One of the finest illustrations of Greek architecture in Massachusetts

TWO OF THE LEADING DEPARTMENT STORES

POST OFFICE

FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

THE ARMORY

THE BANCROFT TOWER

Erected by Hon. Stephen Salisbury upon original property of Aaron Bancroft, the father of George Bancroft, the historian

MECHANIC'S HALL BUILDING

BAY STATE HOUSE
For 200 years the site of an inn

WORCESTER COUNTY JAIL

WORCESTER CLUB HOUSE

CITY HOSPITAL

STATE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE

ODD FELLOWS' HOME SHOWING RECENT ADDITION

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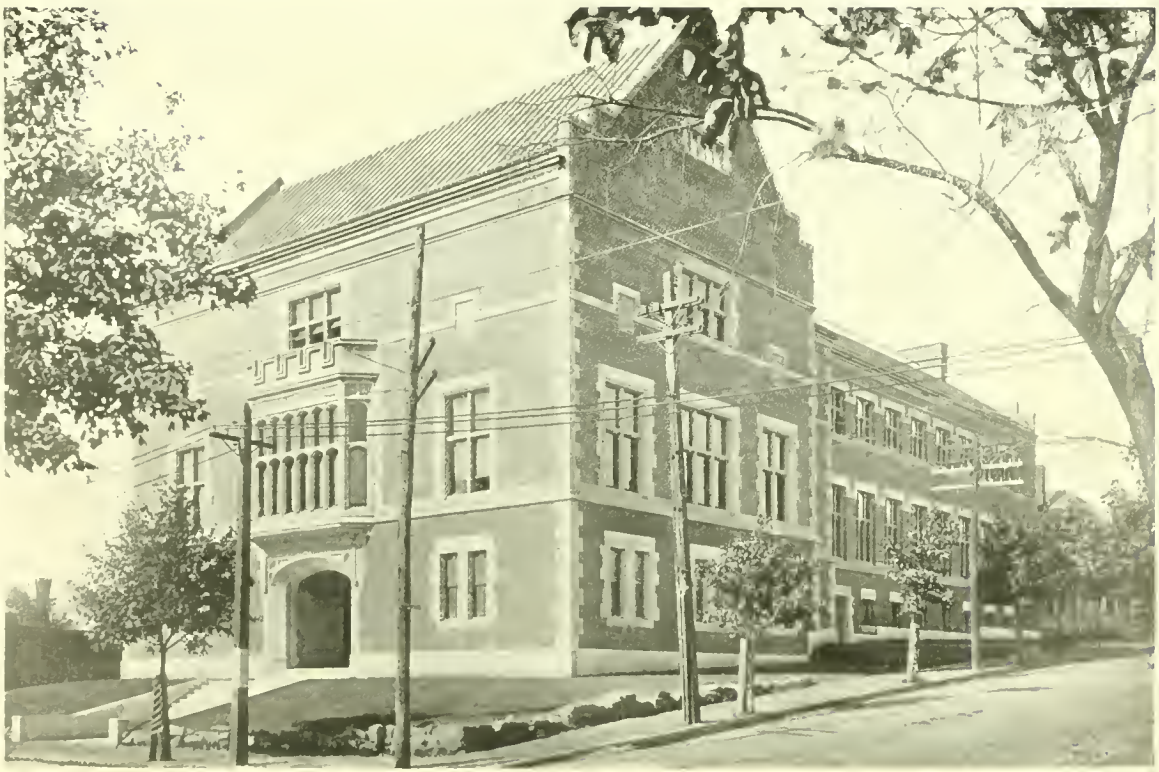
CLARK UNIVERSITY



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SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

THE NEW BANCROFT SCHOOL (PRIVATE SCHOOL)

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

OLD SOUTH CHURCH—CONGREGATIONAL

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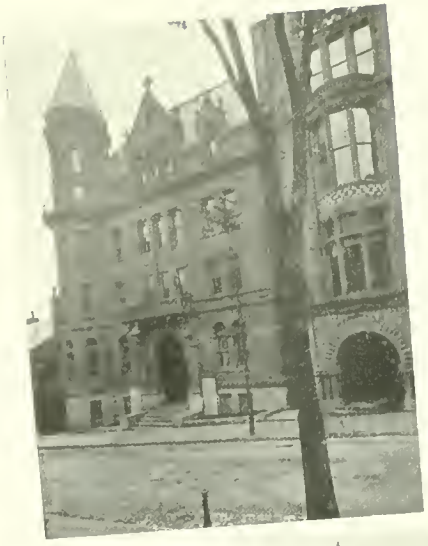
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



Y. M. C. A. BUILDING
CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

UNION STATION

WOMAN'S CLUB BUILDING
ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, ROMAN CATHOLIC
J. A. NORCROSS' RESIDENCE

CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

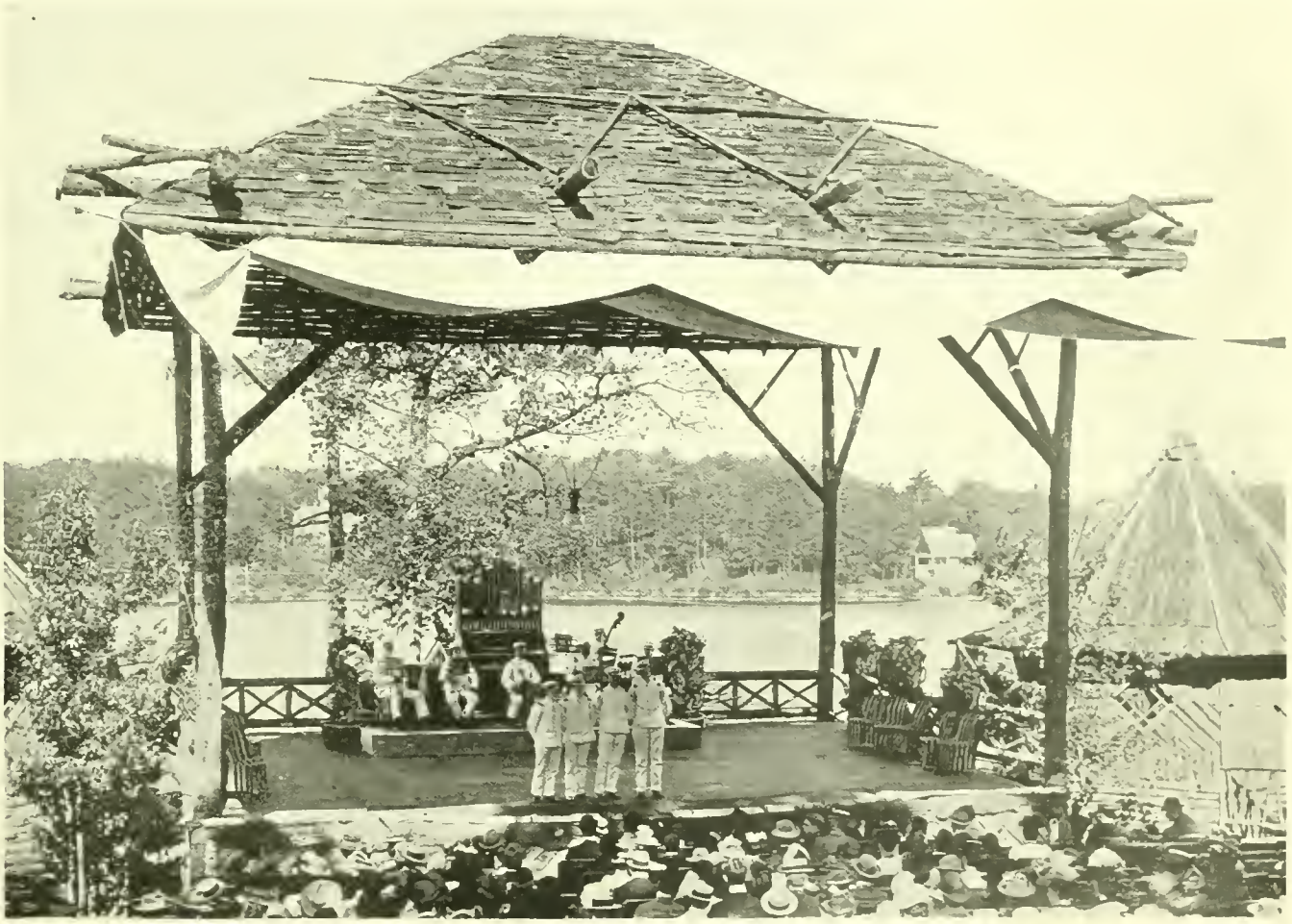
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ROMAN CATHOLIC
M. J. WHITTALL'S RESIDENCE

ART MUSEUM

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

THE OVAL AT LAKE QUINSIGAMOND

VIEW IN ELM PARK



OPEN AIR THEATRE AT LAKE QUINSIGAMOND

LAKE QUINSIGAMOND, FROM LINCOLN PARK

INSTITUTE PARK

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